

Solicitation for Venture Capitalist Participation in the Defense Venture Catalyst Initiative

Individuals involved in the venture capitalist (VC) community are invited to apply for two-year appointments as consultants for the Defense Venture Catalyst Initiative (DeVenCI). Applicants should be experienced with emerging information technologies. Experience in other defense-related emerging technologies, such as energy, biotechnology, materials/nanotechnology, or space, is also desirable.

DeVenCI is a U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) activity that seeks to improve national security in the Global War on Terrorism. Its dual goals are to speed DoD adoption of promising new commercial technologies and to encourage broader commercial support of the DoD supply chain. DeVenCI will use workshops, technical expositions, industry outreach, and a web portal to increase the visibility of DoD needs to commercial companies and technology area experts. It will also provide timely information to DoD users about emerging technical innovations and opportunities. DeVenCI is a catalyst initiative that does not fund the development of new technologies or businesses, but rather focuses on knowledge brokering by encouraging and facilitating the sharing of information to speed emerging solutions to DoD user needs.

VCs selected to participate will serve as unpaid consultants and are expected to provide the DoD with their unique expertise in the areas of evaluating leading-edge technologies, understanding the dynamics and risks of small and emerging-technology businesses, and identification of DoD-relevant technology area experts.

Interested VCs can find additional information at <http://DeVenCI.dtic.mil>. Applications for two-year terms from December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2008 will be accepted until midnight, 31 October 2006.